

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A clasping tool for controlling an elongate tubular member comprising a tip constructed to support and limit lateral movement of the tubular member relative to the tip, and to permit longitudinal movement of the tubular member relative to the tip and an opposing tip constructed to retain the tubular member between the tips when the tips are brought together. Tips may have a flat region, half-tube region, forked region, looped region, or V-shaped region for grasping, holding, supporting and releasing the elongated tubular member. Each tip may have a similar region.